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# MAY FORCE GENERAL STRIKE

## BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE A FINISH FIGHT

Estimates as to Number of Men Out Vary in Conflicting Statements.

### THEY TOOK CARE OF HIM

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, April 10.—One striker who was very much out of luck was E. C. Estey, who arose at a meeting of strikers, announced he was an I. W. W. and declared his achievements as a bomb-thrower and bridge dynamiter. He was promptly arrested and held for investigation by State's Atty. Hynes, after which the strikers expelled him from their organization.

Several hundred members of the Brotherhood of Railway Car and Equipment men decided to join the strike if their demands were not complied with.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, April 10.—The country's railroad strike today resolved itself to a coming to grips in what may be a long drawn-out test of strength, with both sides apparently prepared to make a dash fight of it.

With some thirty-five cities affected and from 15,000 to 50,000 men out, take your choice between the estimates of the railroad officials and the strike leaders—it was believed that the trouble will not spread further to any great extent, and that the walk-out except in isolated and comparatively unimportant instances, will not affect any class of railroad workers other than switchmen and yardmen.

CLAIMS OF R. R. OFFICIALS. The railroad officials and their allies, the Brotherhood chiefs, continued to put forth claims that the strike is rapidly being broken and that the men are flocking back to work, while the strike leaders stoutly maintained their claim that the walk-out is gaining strength and new adherents hourly and that newly formed union, the Yardmen's Association of America, has gained a firm foothold in practically all of the communities where strikes have occurred.

STEEL WORKERS OUT OF WORK. The strikers storm center today was in New York. New cities to be affected late Friday and today were Youngstown, Ohio, where 2,000 men (Continued on page eight.)

### LAST WORD ON THE STRIKE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) BOSTON, April 10.—In the face of a general freight and mail strike, Eastern railroads connecting with New England lines this district today was confronted with the possibility of a serious food shortage through the strike of "rebel" trainmen.

"In Boston there is said to be less than a two weeks supply of food."

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 10.—Approximately 3,700 railroad switchmen here were on strike today and a complete embargo on all freight and express shipments except perishable goods is in effect. Officials of the new "outlaw" Switchmen's Union, organized last night, declared 2,000 men or practically all in the local yards, will be enrolled by tonight.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) FORT WORTH, TEX., April 10.—One hundred switchmen of the Texas & Pacific and the Santa Fe railroads are on strike here today. An embargo has been placed on all freight with the exception of live stock and perishables.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CLEVELAND, O., April 10.—Employees of nine railroads operating in this city, numbering about 3,000 men, will strike this afternoon at 2 o'clock unless wage demands which have been submitted to the local officials are acted upon favorably. The demands are similar to those made in other cities.

Final action on whether passenger and mail service men should participate in the strike immediately was delayed today pending further discussion.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) JACKSON, MISS., April 10.—Following a meeting last night at which it was unanimously voted to strike, 200 yardmen and switchmen employed by the Michigan Central lines here walked out this morning. They demand \$1 an hour for yard conducting, 85 cents for helpers and double time for Sundays and holidays.

The strikers were more considerate here than at most other points, in that they placed all cars on local industries on factory sidings.

## DID YOU HEAR THAT

ERIE milk trains have been coming out of Chicago with the usual order of cars reversed, owing to shortage of help on account of the strike.

ALBERT LAMPELLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lampelle, is quite ill at his home on South Hohman st. with scarlet fever.

WEST HAMMOND'S important news is that King Casey and King John Puchonias have gone to West Baden to pull off a badger fight.

EARL CHETNEY, familiarly known among his friends as "Bum," blew into Hammond today from Montreal, Canada, where he has been working in a spring factory for several years.

WORK is now being pushed vigorously on the remodeling of the room to be occupied by the American Trust & Savings Bank. It is planned to have the bank in its new quarters by June 15.

JOHN JARANOWSKI of West Hammond was the unanimous choice of Thornton township people for township highway commissioner in the elections Tuesday.

HARRY PORTZ insists that he was the first man to have his share of the sidewalk in the business district cleared Monday morning, even though he had to wade snow to his attempts to get there.

FRANK R. McILROY heralds his candidacy for the memorial nomination with an immense sign which was erected on the roof of the McIlroy Motor Supply Co. salesroom next to the court house.

THE main pump at the Robertsdale pumping station broke down yesterday, and that was the reason Hammond was without water for several hours. The total pressure amounted to 35 pounds, which was not great enough to force the water above the second floor.

JUDGES REITER AND HARDY and Attorneys C. B. Tinkham, Joe Conroy, E. G. Sprout, and Fred Harnett attended a banquet at Chicago which was tendered by the Chicago Bar Association to the president and executive committee of the American Bar Association.

GEORGE W. CUPP, president of the Lake County Building Trades Council, springs a new one: "I'm for LaFollette, although he has not announced his candidacy. If he doesn't, you can bet that my choice will be the Labor party candidate."

EDWARD B. MARSH, deputy prosecutor at the criminal court, Crown Point, thinks Lowden's record as governor of Illinois is sufficient to prove his ability as an executive. "And besides," says Marsh, "he was a successful business man before he entered politics. Lowden for me!"

ATTORNEY FRED BARNETT never hesitated when he was asked for his presidential preference. "Thomas R. Marshall, of old Columbia City, Indiana, is my favorite. You may smile, but listen, Marshall may win the nomination yet. And besides, we should be loyal to our favorite son."

WEST HAMMOND will have another election Tuesday of next week. It will be a combination presidential preference primary and election of Seventh congressional district delegates to the state convention. Democrats have two candidates and the Republicans four for delegates. Wood and Lowden are the only names on the ballot.

IT is surprising to learn how many Lake county candidates for all offices are interested in horses. About three-fourths of the county's office aspirants were present the other day at Bill Phair's horse auction. Jim Black was there, and George Schauf, and "Blitz" Olds, and many others. But here's the joke—Billy Rose missed it!

GEORGE P. LEIMBACK, who for the past eighteen months has been making good with the Pennsylvania R. R. at Brownsville, is coming back to Hammond. He says he is tired of bills and wants to see some level country again. Mr. Leimback, who is the son of Mrs. Leimback of 321 Cherokee st., was well liked and leaves many friends in Brownsville.

LIONEL DYCK, salesman, Nagleman's clothes shop, will cast his first vote in this place in November. He is a New Yorker. A man who has been governor, representative and senator should know the ropes pretty well and that's why I am going to vote for Johnson. If he's nominated. We want no amateurs at Washington. Prohibition? No, I favor light beer and wines."

L. R. SCHWARTZ, assistant manager of the Woolworth Five and Ten Cent store, hasn't been here more than three weeks, but he is an inveterate reader, already of Did You Hear That—and had his presidential preference waiting. Says he: "My man is Johnson. Besides his other abilities he displayed a trait of character and finesse that will not soon be forgotten. He went to Siberia and made every effort to have the American soldiers there repatriated—returned home."

Are you reading this paper?

## CITIES ARE RUNNING A HOT RACE

Unofficial Census Figures Give Hammond a Shade Over East Chicago.

Per cent of gain equaled in few places in the United States is expected to be shown when the official census figures are announced for Hammond and East Chicago. Hammond will have a population of 26,018 and East Chicago 25,924.

Results of the census will show that Hammond and East Chicago are still practically neck and neck in their rivalry for supremacy in point of population. Hammond, however, retains the lead over her neighbor by the bare margin of eighty-four noses.

Hammond in 1910 had a lead of 1,527, but the estimates of Rand-McNally in 1916 switched the status and gave East Chicago a lead of 4,562.

While the 1920 figures quoted have not been officially announced by the census bureau it is believed they are correct and will be verified by announcements from Washington within a few days. Following are the figures:

1910	1916	1920 Increase
Hammond	25,925	36,018
East Chicago	21,358	25,924

The 1916 estimates gave Hammond 24,401 and East Chicago 23,743.

East Chicago shows the greatest per cent of gain. Her population increased 85 per cent in the ten years—almost doubling. Hammond gave an increase of 72 per cent.

It is believed that Phineas Kent as census director for the district gave the Calumet region the most accurate census possible. Rechecks were made where requested and every effort was made to list every person in the district. Many names were added long after the enumerators had completed their canvases.

East Chicago suffered a heavy loss through the fact that of the thousands of foreign born persons who returned to their old homes in Europe, the majority were from Indiana Harbor. Hammond also suffered through this exodus, but not as heavily as her neighbor city.

The new census advances both cities to the second class which means a number of important changes in the form of city government, including higher salaries for city officials after the next election.

### MONEY PLentiful IN EAST CHICAGO

Colored Woman Gives Up \$700 For Her Share in Counterfeit \$3,000 Bills

Mrs. Sarah Walker, colored, of 3224 McCook ave., East Chicago, felt that she was being royally treated by two colored gentlemen when they insisted that she take a share of three \$1,000 bills which one of them picked up while walking with her. By a process of division, subtraction and addition it was decided that she was entitled to \$600 and all that was necessary was for her to change the bills in order that the division could be made.

After giving the two bills to her, the division was made and she found her self with the three \$1,000 bills. Her only complaint now is that the money is counterfeit and she is out \$700. She would like to have the police get the money back for her.

### NO FREIGHT SERVICE ON THE MONON

Switchmen employed in the Monon railroad yards at Hammond and South Hammond are on strike, acting in sympathy with the switchmen in the rest of the Chicago district, and as a result no freight trains are running on the Monon. Announcement has been made by the Monon freight officials that no freight for Chicago or points beyond was being accepted, and there will be no freight brought out of Chicago until the strike is settled or broken. The embargo covers all classes of freight. The Monon is not running any freight trains from Lafayette to South Hammond. There are several trains stalled at South Hammond. Union officials are at Hammond and South Hammond endeavoring to persuade the strikers to return to work as the strike action is a violation of the Brotherhood's national agreement.

### FRENCH EDITOR IS INQUISITIVE

PARIS, April 10.—St. Reje, political editor of the Journal, writing on the fatal disturbances at Frankfurt on Wednesday, asked the following question in his comment: "Was it not a false rumor issued by a representative of the U. S. at Berlin or an ultimatum from President Wilson to France which provoked the incidents at Frankfurt?"

## GETTING TO BE GENERAL HABIT

APPLETON, WIS., April 10.—Chicarette stubs strewn about the floor of the Russell Sage girls dormitory at Lawrenceville college led to disclosures which resulted in the expulsion today of three coeds and two male students from the institution.

FOUR PILED HERE. AURORA, ILL., Four girl students found guilty of smoking in a dormitory at Jennings Seminary, were summarily expelled today.

## Gary Wins Lake County H. S. Honors

WINNERS. Declaratory Contest—Emerson, of Gary, first. Whiting, second. Choral Contest—Emerson, of Gary, first; East Chicago, second. Oratorical Contest—Probel, of Gary, first; Emerson, of Gary, second.

Gary capped the bulk of the honors at the Nineteenth Annual Oratorical Declaratory and Choral contests held at the Probel high school auditorium in Gary yesterday afternoon and evening, winning three firsts and a second place in the Oratorical contest. Whiting got a second place in the Declaratory contest in the afternoon and East Chicago a second place in the Choral contest.

Reading "A Soldier of France," by Ouida Clara Hogan, of Emerson, won first honors in the Declaratory contest. Miss Helen O'Donnell, of Whiting, took second honors with "How The Ripe Stakes Were Lost," by Reed. Gary continued its winning streak in the Choral contest when Emerson's chorus were given first place by rendering "The Singers," by A. R. Gaul. East Chicago was a second place and its only points, with "The Miller's Wooing," by Ranning.

Before a packed auditorium in the evening, Dragon Orescan, of Fremont won the Oratorical honors with his oration, "The Predatory Rich," by Smith. Gary also won a second place when Glenn Easlick, of Emerson, gave his oration, "Americanism," by Harding.

## JURY MAKES QUITE A STIR WITH VERDICT

Jurors in Room 2 of the Hammond Superior court created a stir yesterday afternoon when after handing in their verdict in the case of William F. Eder, they were asked to sign the verdict. At that point, Eder, who had been hearing, added a special request that the defendant, if possible, be required to pay interest, costs and attorney fees.

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## 5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(BULLETIN) NEW YORK, April 10.—State worse, no meat received here for forty-eight hours. Old potatoes selling at 10 cents a pound. Commutation traffic paralyzed. Milk supply cut off.

(BULLETIN) WASHINGTON, April 10.—The weather bureau today issued the following forecast for next week: For the Region of the Great Lakes—Rains and snows Monday and Tuesday and again about Friday. Cool.

(BULLETIN) PARIS, April 10.—Japan will support the French advance from the Rhine and the occupation of the German neutral zone by French troops, the Journal stated today.

(BULLETIN) BUFFALO, April 10.—Industrial plants here will be forced to close Monday. Freight traffic paralyzed. At Pittsburgh, B. & O. and Pennsylvania roads have declared embargoes.

(BULLETIN) DAYTON, O., April 10.—Three automobile bandits with guns drawn entered the bank at West Carrollton, six miles south of here, today and after driving the employees and patrons into the vault escaped with \$25,000 in currency and Liberty bonds.

(BULLETIN) CLEVELAND, O., April 10.—Four armed bandits today entered the office of the Minnesota Gibson Co. here and made a clean getaway with the payroll, amounting to \$35,000.

(BULLETIN) WASHINGTON, April 10.—The government will interfere in the threatened railroad strikes if they continue and it is shown they are seriously interfering with interstate transportation, it was officially stated today.

(BULLETIN) MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 10.—The railroad strike spread to Milwaukee today when 1200 switchmen and yardmen on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad went on strike. All traffic in the yards of that road here is tied up.

(BULLETIN) WASHINGTON, April 10.—Mrs. Thomas Walsh and Mrs. Katherine C. Cummins of New York and Mrs. Thomas Curran of Philadelphia were placed under arrest this afternoon for picketing the British embassy with pro-Irish banners.

(BULLETIN) BERKELEY, Calif., April 10.—A telegram addressed to "Eugene V. Debs, Prisoner 9533, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga." today apprised Debs that a "Debs for President Club" has been formed by students of the University of California.

## HE HAD LIVE PIGS AND ALSO BLIND PIG

Good work by the keen nose of officer Warner of Hammond Central police station resulted yesterday in the arrest of Joseph Bada on a charge of violating the liquor law.

Bada resides on the Texas farm on the Michigan City road and near the old New York Hotel. His house and sheep after having been visited by the metropolitan police, Bada was arrested on a charge of violating the liquor law.

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## TIE-UP COMPLETE IN DETROIT

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) DETROIT, Mich., April 10.—The freight tie-up is complete in this city as a result of the walkout of 2,000 yard switchmen, and the forcing into idleness of 1,500 yard engine-men and Detroit authorities are feeling about in efforts to conserve food and fuel which still are being used for the city. The tie-up is complete in this city as a result of the walkout of 2,000 yard switchmen, and the forcing into idleness of 1,500 yard engine-men and Detroit authorities are feeling about in efforts to conserve food and fuel which still are being used for the city.

## To The Public

A Concise Statement by the Men Who Quit Their Jobs With the Railroads and Why.

It has been stated that we are on strike. This is wrong. We are not on strike. We quit our jobs for the fact and reason that the pay we received was not sufficient to maintain our selves and families. The rates paid by the railroad companies for the eight hour day are as follows:

Yard Conductor	..... \$5.75
Yard Helper	..... 5.00
Switch Tender	..... 4.00
Yard Engineer	..... 4.75

(for an average of 72c per hour)

The rates of pay asked by Yard Conductors is \$10.00; and Yard Helpers \$7.00; for Switchtenders \$5.00 per day; for the eight hour day; and the engineers and firemen are contemplating a similar increase. We ask you what man can maintain a family on the present rates of pay.

The various Brotherhood Railroad organizations, while the railroads were under government control, entered into a compact with the government to adjust the differences during the period of such control, and in such manner as there would be no interruption to successful operation and this is substantiated by the fact that such and every man stuck to his post during such period.

Inactivity on the part of these responsible for making the adjustment has caused our patience to come to a point. We beg of you, not to be misled by some of the publications or statements, calling us rebels, etc., as we have proven ourselves loyal, patriotic and law-abiding citizens. The majority of us are men of families, trying to bring our families up to the American standard of living.

We are handling every effort to adjust our differences in a manner befitting law-abiding American citizens. Space forbids details. We court investigation. Will be glad to meet with any person or committee, patriotic, public society or society, trying to bring our families up to the American standard of living.

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## TO DECIDE AT KANSAS CITY CONVENTION

Railroad Union Chiefs May be Powerless to Prevent Forced Strike.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) BY MIAMI, MOBILE (STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE) WASHINGTON, April 10.—Confidential information received here today indicates danger of a forced general strike extending to every railroad trade and craft and completely tying up every railroad system in the nation, notwithstanding the efforts of the railroad union chiefs to prevent it.

Everything depends upon the action taken by the convention of the railway employees department of the A. F. of L., which opens in Kansas City on next Monday. Made up of delegates from the Switchmen's Union of North America, the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks and the six shop craft unions.

The convention will make either a declaration against the present strike and take disciplinary measures against the members who are participating in it, or approve it.

By the terms of the pact entered into by the sixteen organizations in the railroad union alliance, if a majority of the convention votes to strike the remaining organizations are bound to act in concert.

The eight unions which will take part in the Kansas City convention have strike votes ready to put into effect.

What radicals expect. If they decide to strike, they need only one other organization to join them to force a general strike. The radicals, it was learned today, are counting on either the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Laborers or the Order of Railroad Signal Men to join the eight in strike action.

If the eight strike without a majority supporting the alliance, they will be outlived by other railroad organizations, and it is not believed they are willing to incur this.

NEED FUNDS FOR STRIKE. The leaders will try to impress upon the convention the necessity of a general strike without sufficient funds to carry it on. The railroad union alliance is trying to raise an immense defense fund, and the program to be submitted to the Kansas City convention will suggest an assessment of \$1 per month per member for such a fund.

## UNIONS LOSE CONTROL IN RAILWAY STRIKE

President of Brotherhood Says Strikers Want One Big Union Idea.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CLEVELAND, O., April 10.—The "rebel" strike had temporarily gone beyond the control of the old leaders, was today admitted by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Car and Equipment men.

"However, every effort is being made to keep the trains in operation with the available loyal Brotherhood men," he said.

"I view the strike agitation as an effort to spread the 'one big union' idea," said Lee.

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